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Washington, D.C. 20554

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**VIA ECFS ELECTRONIC DELIVERY**

Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: Measuring Broadband America Program (Mobile Collaborative), GN Docket No. 12-264

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On October 20, 2016, representatives of broadband providers, public interest groups, companies, and other organizations met in person and via conference call with Commission staff to discuss schedules and milestones of the Measuring Broadband America Program (MBA) mobile efforts.<sup>1</sup>

Mr. Walter Johnston, Chief Electromagnetic Compatibility Division (EMCD), and James Miller, Senior Attorney Advisor welcomed collaborative members. Mr. Johnston announced the agenda for the meeting to discuss proposed fields to be processed or redacted in technical privacy review.

Mr. Miller explained that past discussions with the collaborative and privacy experts identified three aspects of collected data meriting attention in the technical privacy review: time, location, and series of characters with identifiable features. High precision date and time, location, and a variety of character strings all provide important information for the program, but can pose privacy concerns.

Mr. Miller went on to explain that the program values the privacy of its volunteers and, consistent with the conservative approach to mitigating privacy concerns, plans to delete high precision time and location information for the initial Open Data release. In order to minimize risks while preserving the utility of the Open Data, date and location variables will be processed to preserve temporal and spatial variance among observations in any single batch of tests. Other information about the source of the GPS observation, the accuracy in meters of the location and other information that poses minimal risk will not be deleted. Cellular base station information, such as the cell tower identifier code that could provide a rough location will be deleted,

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<sup>1</sup> A list of attendees and presentation materials are attached to this filing in GN Docket No. 12-264.

although other network information may be included.

Mr. Miller thanked all the participants for their active participation in these meetings and encouraged participants to look for an invitation to an upcoming meeting via the collaborative distribution list in the coming weeks. Mr. Johnston thanked participants for their attendance and closed the meeting.

Sincerely,

/s/ James Miller

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